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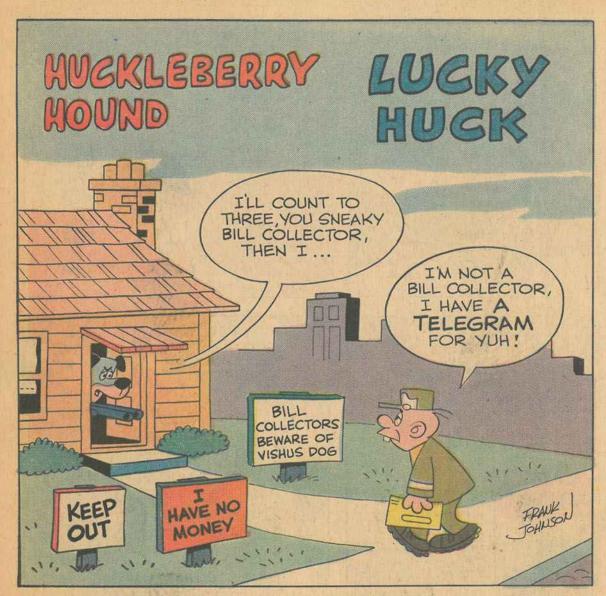










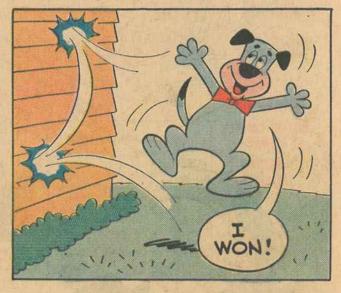
















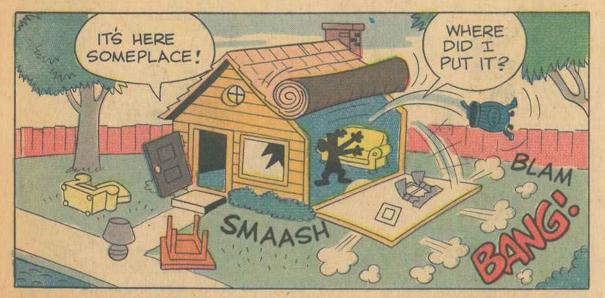


















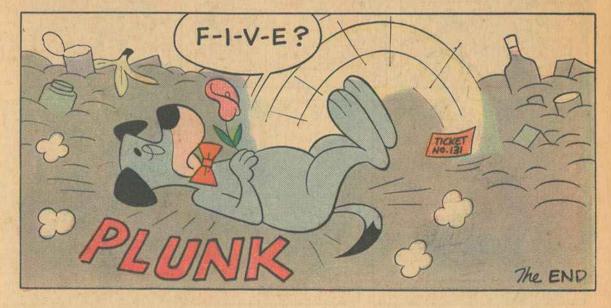








































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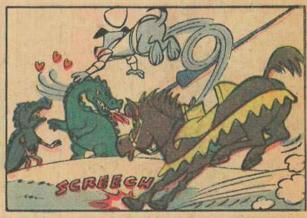
















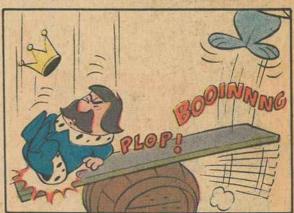




































There is something about a nine year old boy who is about to become ten that is unique. Especially if his name is Tommy Burns. For he has already learned how to ride a horse, roller skate, swim, fly a kite, and even ski. In school there are problems but most of them are connected with mathematics. At home, there is only one big problem-how to handle his parents in a satisfactory manner. Which means to get them to think that they are telling him what to do-the very things he wants to do.

On this particular afternoon, he noticed that his mother was exceedingly busy in the kitchen.

"We are going to have special company for supper," she informed him. "And I want you to put on your best manners.

"Then we aren't going to have Uncle Ben and Aunt Emma over this evening," he cleverly deduced. "Who are we going to have for supper?"

"That isn't the way to express it," corrected mother. "We aren't cannibals. We aren't going to eat people. We aren't going to have them for supper. We have invited them over to be our guests for the evening meal.

"If we aren't going to have them for supper, then what are we going to have for supper?"

grinned Tommy.

"A very nice menu," explained mother. "It will begin with fruit salad, there will be a sirloin steak for each of us, and apple pie and ice But that isn't important. What is important concerns your manners."

"I learned a lot about manners whenyou eat at the table," explained Tommy to his mother. "Yesterday, our teacher Mr. Juluck told us about what they did when Philip V was boss of Spain. They only had three prohibitions, otherwise you could do anything at those royal banquets. First of all, you were not supposed to throw the bones on the floor. You will admit I have never done that. Maybe once I did put a bone in my pocket to give to Bobby's dog. Second of all, you were not to spit into your plate. You will agrae ! have never done anything like that at the table. And any kid who throws spitballs in school gets a week detention. And finally, you were not to blow your nose with the tablecloth. Mother, you will admit I never did that. True, I once scared a little baby when I blew my nose. So outside of those three things, anyting

"Absolutely not!", contradicted mother. "Last week when we had Uncle Ben and Aunt Emma as our guests, I was horrified at what you did. You took a slice of bread and dipped it in the gravy and you really cleaned your plate.'

"You should be proud of me," pointed out Tommy. "If I cleaned one plate, then there is one plate less for you to clean. Anyway, I am president of the Clean Plate Club in our school. You know, it tastes swell, when you dip your bread in gravy."

"Never mind that, young man," continued mother. "You think you were smart the way you got a second helping of pie. Remarking that if you were twins, then you would have two slices of pie. But since you were unlucky enough not to be twins, why should you be cheated? I had to give you that extra slice of pie. But don't do it again. And another thing about your manners. If the soup is hot, then let it cool before you eat it. I never realized how strong your lung power was until you blew at the chicken soup. You actually blew some of it right across the table. Don't ever do that again. And try to avoid lifting and eating things with your fingers. You have a fork and a spoon and use them! Your father was horrified when you started to suck your fingers to clean them.'

"I had to do that," admitted Tommy, "I dropped my napkin on the floor and couldn't find it. Anyway it was a much better idea than to wipe them on my nice clean shirt. And I am a good boy. Look at what Frankie did when he had company he didn't like. He put the salt into the sugar bowl. So when they put it into their coffee, the fun began.

"Enough of all of that nonsense," half shouted mother. "I am so worried about how you will act

at the table.'

"So let's make a deal. I know that dad's new boss and his wife are coming. And dad and you want to make a good impression. Give me five dollars and I think I can become sick enough not to eat at the table. Only five dollars...the price of a new fielder's glove."



















IN THE SWAMP, DEATH LURKS BEHIND EVERY STUMP....



... AND THERE ARE MUD-WASPS CAPABLE OF KILLING ANY CREATURE WHICH DISTURBS THEM!



TARANTULAS CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL STING....



... AND LESS DEADLY BUT MORE INSIDIOUS ARE THE LEECHES IN THE THICK, SWAMPY WATERS! NO ONE CAN KNOW THE HORRORS OF HAVING SCORES OF THESE BLOODSUCKERS ATTACHED UNLESS HE EXPERIENCES IT!





AS MEAN AND NASTY-LOOKING AS THEY ARE IN THEIR NATIVE HABITAT, LADIES LIKE SHOES MADE FROM ALLIGATOR AND CROCODILE SKIN...SO ALLIGATOR HUNTERS GO AFTER THEM RIGHT WHERE THEY LIVE! SOMETIMES, THEY SHOOT THE CRITTERS....



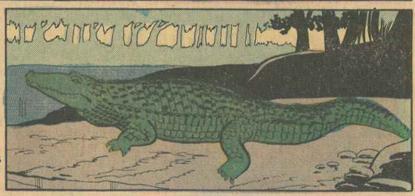
BUT JUST AS MANY HUNTERS TAKE THEM BY HAND, WRESTLING WITH THEM!



A LENGTH OF ROPE WRAPPED AROUND THE JAWS SANITIZES THE BRUTE THEN HE'S STUNNED AND THROWN IN THE BOAT! SAVES EXPENSIVE BULLETS!



NOW, ALLIGATORS
AND CROCODILES IN
THE SWAMPS ARE
PROTECTED BY LAW...
STILL THE POACHERS
TAKE THE HUGE
REPTILES! SO, NOW,
THE LAW ATTACKS
THE PROBLEM FROM
THE OTHER END...
MAKING IT ILLEGAL
TO MANUFACTURE
SHOES OR HANDBAGS
FROM THE REPTILES
HIDES!































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